Development of infrastructure for protection of forests from biotic interferences

1791. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central assistance has been proivded to States/Union Territories under the scheme on "Development of Infrastructure for protection of Forests from Biotic Interferences."

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and till date, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether all the objectives of the scheme have been realised during the same period; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Assistance released to the States and Union Territories under the scheme on "Development of Infrastructure for protection of forests from Biotic Interferences" during the last 3 years is given in attached statement. (See below).

(c) and (d) The main objectives of the scheme are to protect the forests from illicit cutting, encroachments, fire and grazing. The measures taken under the scheme have resulted in better protection of forests. Measures for forest protection are, however, part of a continuing programme for forest conservation and for improving productivity.

Statement

Rs. in lakh.

S.No.	Name of State	Released in 1989-90	Released in 1990-91	Released in 1991-92
1	Andaman & Nicobar	..	..	5·0
2	Andhra Pradesh	14.40	2.90	12 70
3	Assam	..	9.655	15 40
4	Bihar	..	..	12·3984
5	Gujarat	16.325	7.90	12 5
6	Goa	1 52	1.59	3 894
7	Haryana	22.66	3 48	2·0
8	Himachal Pradesh	..	..	..
9	Karnataka	54·375	52·285	17·60
10	Kerala	..	..	10·0
11	Madhya Pradesh	22.50	11·31	22·82
12	Manipur	..	..	5.3775
13	Meghalaya	6.77	..	1.0

14	Mizoram	..	5·875	10·7
15	Orissa	..	10·00	48·0
16	Punjab	10·37	12·50	15·0
17	Rajasthan	..	..	3·50
18	Sikkim	5·665	..	4·93375
19	Tamilnadu	13·20	40·00	7·92
20	Tripura	..	3·35	11·43
21	Uttar Pradesh	..	18·42	34·78
22	West Bengal	4·057	..	5·747
23	Jammu & Kashmir	..	..	13·53
24	Arunachal Pradesh	..	6.25	..
25	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4·122	..	..
26	Nagaland	8·0	..	..
	Total :	183 964	185·215	276·82065

Ganga action plan

1792. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made under Ganga action plan so far and the extent of purification of Ganga water achieved under this plan;

(b) whether there are more than 600 polluting industrial units in the Ganga basin; and

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken against such polluting units and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) 191 schemes out of a total of 261 schemes have been completed under the Ganga Action Plan. These schemes relate to interception, diversion and treatment of sewage, low cost sanitation, river from development and construction of electric crematoria. As a result of completion of the schemes for diversion of sewage, 485 mld (million litres per day) of sewage is being diverted as against 873 mld proposed for diversion after completion of the schemes. Wherever these schemes have been completed, there is a distinct improvement observed in the quality of the water.

(b) and (c) 574 polluting industrial units have been identified in the Ganga basin. Out of these, 68 have been identified to be gross polluting units. The polluting industries have been induced to set up effluent treatment plants (ETPs). In the case of units which do not set up effluent treatment plants, proceedings are launched in the courts and units closed down for violation of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. Out of the 68 gross polluting industrial